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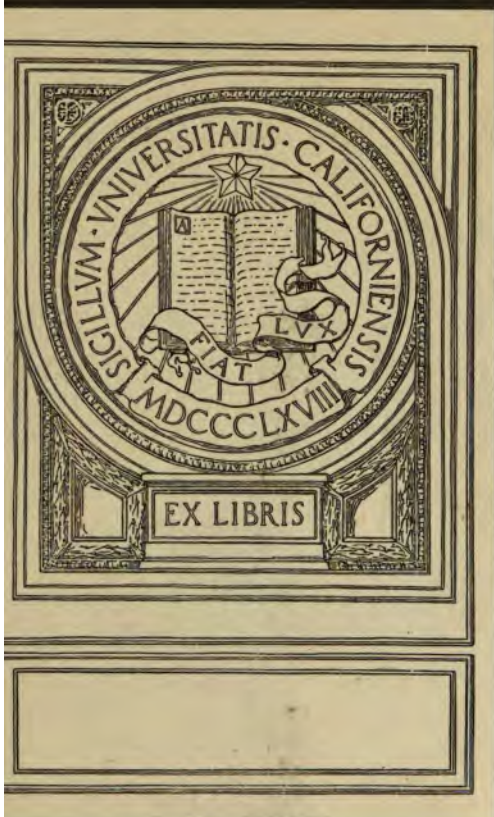
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FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1874

Being the 98th year of American liberty, and
over 5 thousand years, (if I dont disremem-
ber rong) since Adam did the bizzness
for us, in the gardin of Eden.

MORAL.

In Adam's sin,
We all jined in.



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unequalled in the novelty and variety of its serials, unsur-
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THESE THINGS ARE JISS SO,
YOSH BILLINGS.

—:OO:—

AFFJPAYY.

*Personaly cum before me, a justiss ov the Piece, in and
for, Old Pordunk township, Yosh Billings, Allminaker,
who swares tew the abuw circumstansis.*

JOB ^{his}
X POTTER, Justiss.
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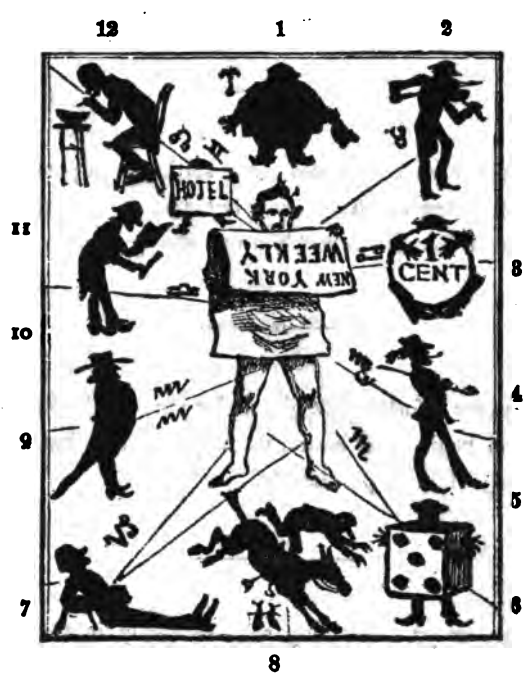
A SOLLUM PHAKT.

Kaliko bawls are a modern institushun, but kod-
phish bawls waz known tew our ansesstors.

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TWELVE ANSESTRALS SIGHNS
IN THE
BILLINGS' ZODIAC GALLERY.



KEY TO THE ABOVE PERFORMANCE.

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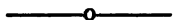
TO VOLUME
NUMBER 10

*SIGHNS AND WONDERS FOR THE
YEAR 1874.*

Whenever yu see a yung man hanging around a kornor
grocery, and drinking 3 cent gin every time he kan git
enny boddy tew ask him, yu kan make up yure mind
that he haz bin unanimously nominated for the stait
prizon, and will probably git his eleksyun.



Whenever yu see an old goose setting on a post hole,
and trieng tew hatch the hole out, yu kan cum tew the
konklushun that she is strikly a one idee goose.



Whenever a forlorn kat gits under yure windo, in a hot
nite, and begins tew holler, yu may kno that kat wants
sumthing,—killing, probberbly.



Whenever yu see a dog stop suddintly, in the road,
with a flee onto him, and begin tew flea round, and round,
after himself, untill he falls down, and rools over, yu will
say tew yureself, that dorg iz like the wicked, he fleas,
when no man perseweth.

OIL OF KONSOLASHUN.

The "Josh Billings Allminax" iz one ov our tex books,
at the Pordunk Feminine Institoot.

Mrs. Charity Skidmore, A.M.

Medisin Book—Ugh!!

Spotted tail, Chief ov the Pawnees.

Full ov thought, full ov pathos, full ov phun.

John Brace, L.L.D.

It's a big thing, bi Jupiter.

Billy Murdok.

How spontaneous! How pathetic! How preponder-
ating! How!—How are yu Josh!

Doktor Blake.

Oh yu pesky thing, Josh! yu are too killing.

Sally Ann Sprauge.

ADAM BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Adam Billings waz the fust ov the Billingses. He waz verry phatt. Little did he dream ov the glorious krop that waz a going tew spring up from hiz sowing. He waz born, az near as i kan figger, about the year 1200, more or less. Hiz temper iz represented az being az even az the figger 2. Hiz habits were az pure az the mountain dew; he never drinkt enny spiritous rum, nor root elevators. He went barefutt untill hiz 32d year, and ever afterwards luv'd the naked futt. He waz a good danser, and realized thozе blessed old shake downs, now gone and fled. He waz named after the original Adam, and iz sed, bi them who remember them both, tew resēbel him mutch in the kast ov hiz face. He waz too fond ov the marvelous, he wouldn't tell a lie exackly, but he could cum az near tew it, az a swallo-kan to a frog's noze, when they skim a mud puddle. Adam Billings iz now ded, i beleave, but if he aint, and this should meet hiz eye, he kant, i think, but admire the square manner in which his luvly relik haz handled his case. Adam Billings didn't leave much reputashun behind him, but what he did leave, is fair tew middling. We nee'r shall see him more. Probably not. Too true. Rather melankolly than otherwise.

M O R A L.

Thare iz naut so hard for grief tew handle,
Az the mán whoze ribs are phatt 's a kandle.

31 Days.

JANUARY.

1874.

Q.—What iz ginger pop?

δ π δ δ



*In Pordunk town thare lived a man,
A man ov small posseshion,
Hezekiah Btrch was his name,
A teacher bi profeshun.*

A.—Gimnastic water.

Δ π δ

δ	○	Kronollogy.	KINDLING WOOD.
1	T	δ Ω Now kold	Snobs are alwus toadys.
2	F	weather π Ω	
3	S	π haz froze H	
4	G	Q. the tender	<hr/>
5	M	bull frog δ π δ	
6	T	* Ω up solid	
7	W	Ω Ω π and the	Diogoneze hunted in the da
8	T	melodious goose	
9	F	iz hush π	
10	S	δ in stillness	time for an honest man, with a
11	G	● ● and the	
12	M	old she kat δ	
13	T	○ dreams beneath	lantern; if he had lived in these
14	W	the Ω δ	
15	T	cook stove × and	
16	F	● the luscious	<hr/>
17	S	slapjax smokes π	
18	G	Ω on the table π	
19	M	π * π and the	A pedant iz like a yung rooster,
20	T	Widow Stebbins'	
21	W	δ Ω wood pile	
22	T	grows less ●	he crows in season, and out ov
23	F	every day	
24	S	π ⊕ π and the	
25	G	roze that × π	<hr/>
26	M	π all are praizing	
27	T	iz not the ×	
28	W	roze for Ω π	Thare iz no kure for vanity,
29	T	me π or enny	
30	F	other man !!! ●	
31	S		gitting thoroly wet cums the near- est to it, for the time being.

ZEPHENIAH BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Zepheniah Billings waz a phiddler bi birth and purswashun. He also had another natral gift, and that waz tew owe everyboddy. Late in life he quit phiddling, and took up shumaking; but the world lost a good phidler bi the operashun, and got a kussid poor shumaker. Oh! 'tis ever thus. At hiz final deth he owed upwards ov 70 dollars, and hiz leavings konsisted ov one old phiddle, and a pint ov bass wood shupeg. He would travel on foot 7 miles tew a kuntry tavern, and phiddle all nite at a kuntry bawl for 75 cents, and owe the landlord two dollars and a half nex morning for vittles and drink. Zeph' was an unprofitable man to know, for he couldn't tend an evening meeting, on sunday, without running into det to sumboddy. It waz sed ov him, that he waz never known tew shed a tear or pa a det. He died finally, and i presume he was saved; but he may hav bin lost, for accidents will happen in the uppermost familys. He had a cool hed, and a warm harte. Bless Zepheniah Billings, he was a ripe skollar on the phiddle, and could pla "*Tare her down Sal,*" and sich dear old sweet-savoured things, klean up tew perfekshun. He haz gone now, allas! allas! but i am prepared tew say, in the language ov another, "Bully for yu, Zepheniah!" All flesh iz grass. So iv'e bin told. Funny. Mutch.

MORAL.

To kure the fidgits and calm the bile,
The phiddle iz like kastor ile.

28 Days.

FEBRUARY.

1874.

Q.—What iz man?

□ 3 2

A.—Live dirt.
9 9 9

*For twenty long and weary years,
He meekly workt for others good,
And well he taught the distrik skool,
Boardin round the nabor hood.*

W	⊙	Kronollogy.
1	G	Now marry ⊕ now
2	M	thrash oats § now
3	T	¶ puntch fires 2f
4	W	now ketch rats 33
5	T	⊗ now eat 3
6	F	⊗ hash 33
7	S	⊗ now
8	G	⊗ grease boots ‡
9	M	⊗ now pla
10	T	⊗ checkers ¶ now
11	W	sing sams 3 9
12	T	Δ ⊙ now chew
13	F	gum [§] ⊙ now
14	S	[§§] kurl hair (!)
15	G	now mux 3
16	M	3 sassage = now
17	T	3 jerk wood
18	W	now kil duks 3
19	T	(††) now
20	F	kil time [†] ‡ now
21	S	⊗ swop hens
22	G	Δ ⊗ * ⊙ now
23	M	yoke steers ‡
24	T	now tell ⊕ 3
25	W	⊗ yarns—now
26	T	sighn the pledge [P]
27	F	⊙ now go to bed ⊕
28	S	

PLUM PITS.

Human natur iz like cow natur,
i hav known them both tew giv a
good mess ov milk, and then kik
it over.

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I luv a phool, what little i kno
i hav larnt by hanging around
them.

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Munny makes munny. We all
ov us take our korn to the ritch
miller tew hav it ground.

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Thare iz two kinds ov wize peo-
ple in this world, the *wize* and the
unwize.

JEHOSSAPHATT BILLINGS.

HIS MEMORANDUM.

Jehossiphath Billings waz a very kluss man ; he never waz known tew waste ennything, by giving it away. The grate extravaganse ov hiz life, and the one he never forgot tew speak ov, waz giving 3 dollars towards bilding the Pordunk meetin hous. After he giv the munny, he took such a deep interest in the work on the metin house, that the kommitty waz obliged tew giv him bak the munny to git shut ov him. He swore he'd sue them for the interest on the munny, but he never did. Jehoss' Billings waz one ov them kind ov men who mistake avarice for ekoneny. He died at the age of 63, if i hav sarched right, from an overdose ov klam chowder drank at a free lunch. Jehossiphatt Billings had his phailings, but reckless extravaganse want amung the lot, he also had his virtues, but blind and irrepressible generosity want among this lot neither. He waz buried, without eny fuss, in the year 1286. What has bekum ov him I kant state. Sleep on, Jehossiphath, in thi slumbers. I would like tew say sum more about Jehoss', but i kant without telling the truth. Truth iz sumtimes like a hot pertato, the only way tew handle it eazy, is tew drop it. I will dri up here. The end. Hush ! Lay low.

MORAL.

The klussest man i ever knu,
Waz Deakon Erastus Meggs,
Tew save expense, he oft would sett,
Hiz pullets on spile-ed eggs.

31 Days.

MARCH.

1874.

Q.—What iz hash?

24 2 13



*He sawed the wood and bilt the fires,
And while the boys were playing,
Hurried, and swept the skool hous out,
And dun a little praying.*

A.—A konfense game.

24 4 13

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Kronollogy.

SNAPPIN TURKLES.

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1 Tell me
2 yee whispring
3 winds 2 when 2
4 2 2 2 hens
5 2 will lay 2
6 and
7 2 what will)(2
8 be next 2 2 2
9 2 2 spring
10 the price 2 2
11 ov hay 2
12 2 2 2 and
13 tell me if 2 2 2
14 2 * 2 you kan
15 whare i will 2
16 2 2 find an honest
17 man 2 2 and 2
18 2 also tell me 2
19 2 whare all
20 2 2 the modest
21 wimmin are 2 2 2
22 2 tell me 2 2
23 2 these things
24 and tell me 2 2
25 2 true 2 and
26 2 whispring
27 winds 2 2 2
28 2 2 i'll be 2
29 2 mutch obliged
30 2 to yu 2
31 2

Humility iz cup bearer to wisdom.

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Thare iz plenty ov pholks in this world whoze hartes bleed for the poor, but whoze pocket-books never do.

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The man who iz willing tew help everyboddy (i am sorry to say this), iz willing tew be cheated by everyboddy.

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If i kan set the fashions for a people, i dont kare who makes their laws.

MELKISIDEK BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Melkasidek Billings waz a dandy ov the old skool, and also a lover. He loved the whole entire femail poplashun. He parted hiz hare in the middle, and did it unkommon even. He had one grate weakness which grew on him, and that waz the length ov hiz little finger-nale. Historians say that this finger-nale gru tew be a yard in length, but it strikes me that this must be a profound lie. He waz a very punktillious man, in hiz every-day wear, and drest chuck up tew the fashun. Melkasidek hadn't inutch branes, but he didn't need much, for hiz bizzness thru life waz the lover bizzness. Just before he died he married, and left one dauter, a sentimental offspring, who afterwards run away, at the age ov 16, with a dancing master. Mel' Billings waz ov the nuter jender, he hadn't karakter enuff to do enny hurt, and ov kourse kouldn't do enny good. He died about the right time, anno dominoze, 1695, and waz buried comfortably in the grave yard, at lower Pordunk town. Melkasidek Billings waz mi ansessor, and that waz kind in him. He had an epitaff on hiz stone which i dont rekolekt ov ever seeing in print before, and for the benefit ov those who studdy theze memorandums i will translate it. "*An honest man iz the nobless work ov God.*" Good, aint it? Rather!

M O R A L .

Dandys are a harmless crew,
Ov the butterfly purswashun;
Happy with a nektie new,
Hero's ov sum small ockashun.

30 Days.

APRIL

1874.

Q.—Define twins?

π π



A.—2 nitch.

π π π

*In this big, but pekuliar world,
Not a friend had Hezekiah,
The boys put pins into his chair,
And water in his hair diah.*

#	H	Kronollogy.	QUALE ON TOAST.
1	W	☿ Hark ☉ the	Sum pholks are like kats, so well ballanced that 'they alwuss strike on their feet when they fall.
2	T	violet cums — —	
3	F	on tip toze — —	
4	S	☿ and the	
5	G	yello dandy ☿ H	Lovers are alwuss defineing their extacys, but they are in no better condishun tew do it, than a drunken man iz tew deliver a tempranse lektur.
6	M	☿ * lion gilds	
7	T	the sod ☉ and	
8	W	krickets kraul ☉	
9	T	☿ ☿ ☿ from out	Silence iz alwus safe.
10	F	their holes ☉ ☉	
11	S	☿ and loafers	
12	G	seek the sun ☉ ☿	
13	M	☿ and dogs	False praze iz the wust kind ov slander.
14	T	☿ ☿ tree kats	
15	W	and frogs begin	
16	T	☿ tew jabber ☿	
17	F	☿ ☉ and tinkers	
18	S	tramp ☿ and	
19	G	April phool ☿ ☿ ☿	
20	M	☿ grins at	
21	T	every corner ☉ ☿	
22	W	☿ ☿ and — hark	
23	T	from the tombs ☿	
24	F	☿ ☿ a doleful	
25	S	☿ [!!] sound	
26	G	☿ mine ears ☿	
27	M	attend ☿ ☿ ☿	
28	T	☿ the cry ☿ ☿	
29	W	and so forth ☿ ☿	
30	T		

SOLOMAN BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Soloman Billings waz born the 26th ov May, 1322, old stile. He waz knone fur and near for hiz chunks ov wisdom, but, like Soloman ov old, he could talk wisdom better than he could do it. This iz the way with all the wize men i hav met lately. Soloman Billings waz a leetle slippery, but he managed tew git thru life without slipping down mutch, and died reazonably well. He waz sed, bi all who knu him, tew be chuk full ov wisdom ; he could tell, bi looking at the egg, how mutch a goslin would weigh before it waz born, and when the best time waz tew set a hen or a gate-post. Sol's mouth waz full ov wisdom ; litening couldn't strike a tree, just for fun, but what he would preach a moral sermon from the tex. He waz dredful sertain ov what he did kno, and want the least bit unsertain ov what he didn't kno. I find in digging down tew the hard pan ov Soloman, mi ansessor, that he had a grate deal ov vanity, a large amount ov impudense, a good supply ov inkredulity, just the things, for all the world, tew make a wize phool out of. He died az aforesed, and i look bak upon him az one who haz departed this life. Adew, Soloman, mi ansessor. Deth iz tuff. Sumwhat ! I will add, quite.

M O R A L .

Wisdom chunks are chunkier far,
Than all the chunks that chunky ar.

31 Days.

MAY.

1874.

Q.—What iz ignorance?

21



*The skule kommitty made him work,
(How krewel and unphealling,)
For less than a bartender gits,
And nary chance for stealing.*

A.—Raw happiness.
22 23 24

Q.	Kronollogy.	POP KORN.
1 F	Now the	I dont kare what a mans kondishun in life iz, if he iz too mutch for the kondishun he iz a hero.
2 S	vain rooster	
3 G	* splits hiz	
4 M	thrut \cong and	
5 T	& hope exultant	Avarice iz about the only pashun that improves by age.
6 W	spreds her \odot \odot	
7 T	downy wing	
8 F	and life iz short \cong	
9 S	\oplus \bullet but sweet	The truly brave are alwus generous.
10 G	and lettiss	
11 M	grows apace	
12 T	\odot and giv me	
13 W	liberty or	He whom prosperity makes humble and thankful, adversity haz no power over.
14 T	giv me deth	
15 F	and what's	
16 S	the matter \odot	
17 G	with Hannah \bullet	
18 M	\oplus and hav	
19 T	yu heard \odot \odot	
20 W	that deakon	
21 T	Jones	
22 F	\odot \bullet $\&$ $\&$ haz	
23 S	lost a \odot \odot	
24 G	\cong \square heifer	
25 M	* and sich	
26 T	iz life \bullet	
27 W	and wood- $\&$ $\&$	
28 T	$\&$ $\&$ man \odot	
29 F	spare that	
30 S	$\&$ $\&$ tree \odot and $\&$	
31 G		

DUTERONOMY BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Duteronomy Billings waz a square man. He waz az square az the bloks on a checker-board. He waz just the same kind ov a man in the fall, az he waz in the spring ov the year; yu didn't hav tew winter him tew find out who he waz. He alwus did az he agreed, but waz dredful bakward about agreeing. Duteronomy waz immense in one thing, and that waz the length ov hiz noze. He had more noze ackordin, than enny man in history. One writer ov the eleventh sentury, sez hiz noze waz 8 inches in length, and another makes it a frackshun over 10 inches; i will split the difference, and call it 7. If Dute' waz alive now, i think he would sustain mi figgures. In writing theze details ov mi ansess-tors, i am guided bi a luv tew do a square thing, and if i er, it will be all owing tew mi luk. I never waz right lucky since I had the meazles. They took place in the 14th year ov mi age, when i lived with mi unkle. I had them too thik. Duteronomy Billings waz named after old Duteronomy ov bible times, and az ansess-tors run, he waz a very good kind ov a one tew hav. He died az he had lived, exackly square. In konklushun i will say lie still dear Dute', yu hav got a square thing. Thare iz force in the idee. I may add, grate force. Very. Indeed.

M O R A L.

Sum men are oktagon,
And sum three-sided are,
'Tis mortal tuff tew find one
Who iz kompletely square.'

30 Days.

JUNE.

1874.

Q.—Define the hen?

○
♀
♂

*Tho kivered d'er with sich abuse,
He never fout agen it,
The very wuss that Hex' would kuss,
Was the simple word KONDEMIT.*

A.—A lay member.
♂
♂

		Kronology.	KREAM OV TARTAR.
1	M	≅ Can the	Vice makes a man kunning, virtew makes him wize.
2	T	leopard change δ	
3	W	□ hiz name ⊕ waz	
4	T	Norval on the H	
5	F	Grampine hills	The ritich spend their time in kreating wants, the poor in grati- fying them,—the poor are the most sensible.
6	S	8- he loved not π	
7	G	wizely but too *	
8	M	δ menny ⊙ cooks	
9	T	spile π the brakeing	The man who iz the most fraid tew die, iz the one who knows least how tew liv.
10	W	π wares dashed ∞	
11	T	hi low Jak √ and	
12	F	Ω M the game	
13	S	of brag iz good ⊙	I had rather be a boy again, than tew be the autokrat ov the world.
14	G	⌘ but holdfast	
15	M	iz better ♀ Ω	
16	T	⊙ □ 8- late than	
17	W	never too old π	
18	T	Δ to learn ♂	
19	F	δ ⊙ the luxury	
20	S	ov doing	
21	G	● good ⊕ bye ♀	
22	M	sweetheart	
23	T	24 and George ⊙	
24	W	● ⊕ Washington	
25	T	waz	
26	F	the father ∞ π	
27	S	* π ov hiz	
28	G	natiff ♀ ●	
29	M	π Ω land ⊕ π	
30	T		

PORKANBEANS BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Porkanbeans Billings lived and throve in the 16th sentury. He loved a horse with grate power. He could swop a horse clusser than enny man that imparshall history tells ov. He iz sed tew have swopped Deakon Absolem Featherweight, klean out ov a 5 year old sorrel horse, at ope swop, and the deakon waz looked upon az almost insurmountable in a dikker. Not tew disguise the fakt, Porky Billings waz a hoss jockey ov the anshunt daze, one who hung around the village tavern, and alwuss had on hand an old flag-tailed pelter, with a glass eye, tew trade with ennyboddy. I dont feal like bragging ov Porkanbeans az an ansesstor, but i must say, az a horse jockey, (if all reports are trew) i feal proud ov him. I forgot tew state, that Porky left no property. Thare iz a grate deal ov genius in the horse-swop bizzness but fu assetts. Porkanbeans died instantly, sumwhare about the fust ov the 17th sentury. He waz struk bi the hind feet ov a mule. Moral karakter even wont save a phello-being from dissolushun, when a mule goes for him with both hind feet at once. Sich iz life. Sich iz the mule. Porkanbeans haz my sympathy, he also haz mi tears, but i dont serpose they will be worth mutch tew him now, he iz too ded. Fairwell old phello-being, fairwell mi ansesstor. Deth iz our porshun. I think i kan say this without making a phool ov miself. Undoubtedly. Yes. Jiss so.

M O R A L .

Tew swop a horse and not git beat,
Iz sumthing nice tew brag on,
I tried it once, and that's the time
I lost a horse—and waggon.

31 Days.

JULY.

1874.

Q.—Please define a good wife?

W. C. Q.



*Dont talk to me ov anshunt Job,
Ov biles he had a plenty,
But they were all one breed ov biles,
Leastwize 19 out ov twenty.*

A.—A silent partner in the consarn. Q. W.

Δ	Ω	Kronollogy.
1	W	☉ Grate hot ☉
2	T	Ω Billy Buckram
3	F	died 1304 ☉ ☉
4	S	☿ carry the ☿
5	G	news to Mary ☿
6	M	* ☿ hotter still ☿
7	T	i luv it ☉ hot
8	W	inkreases ☿ ☿ ☿
9	T	δ ☐ i luv it ☉
10	F	still hotter ☿ that
11	S	old arm chair ☿
12	G	☿ ☿ awful hot
13	M	and who shall
14	T	☿ more hot Δ
15	W	chide me ☉ cooler
16	T	☿ ☿ with rain ☿
17	F	☿ ☿ for luvng
18	S	lightning and
19	G	thunder ☿ ☿ ☿
20	M	that ☉ still hot
21	T	☿ ☿ that ☉ Nancy
22	W	Dodge born ☉ ☿
23	T	1786 ☿ old
24	F	☿ arm chair ☿ ☿
25	S	☿ ☿ wind south
26	G	mad dogs ☉ ☿ ☿
27	M	☉ ☿ seen ☿ the
28	T	boy stood on Δ ☿
29	W	☉ the burning dek
30	T	mutch weather ☉
31	F	

SHOOTING STARS. *.*

One ov the eazyest things tew
hear ov, and at the same time
one ov the hardest tew find, iz a
ghost.

It iz only a step from lazyness
tew vice, and a short one at that.

Thare iz lots ov people who
mistake their imaginashun for
their memory.

Bashfullness that kant be over-
come, iz modesty.

JAMAICA BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Jamaika Billings waz sed bi good judges ov the artikle, tew be the lazyest man that ever visited this world. At the age ov 14 he waz pronounced bi the doktors too lazy tew ketch flies. He waz named after hiz unkle who had a grate speshiality in the jamaika-rum line, and who could float more ardent speerits, on an evener keel, than enny human kraft in thozе daze. Jamaika lived tew a grate extent; sum say that he waz 160 when he died, and sum put it at 142, but all giv in that he didn't di from enny disseaze, but kind ov lazyed tew deth. He waz born tired, and never outgru it. He marrid at 37, but hiz wife left him at the end ov the fust month ov their nupshalls, taking with her all the pussonell affekts, whitch were a kupple ov cedar wash-tubs, and a seckond-hand buggy harness, brass-mounted. Her fust name waz Polly Ann. They never met afterwards, if they did, history dont kno it. Jamak'e Billings didn't hav enny vice tew speak ov, he waz even too lazy for that. He seems tew hav spent hiz life in hanging around places, keeping ragged and phatt on nothing. He died in Old Pordunk, and i suppoze waz burried, but history dont say so, in jiss so menny words. He waz mi ansesstor, but i kant help it. Can I? I hav bin told not. Queer.

MORAL.

I never knu, in all mi life,
Enny man tew go krazy,
Who alwuss took things setting down,
And kultivated hiz lazy.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1874.

Q.—What iz a cock loft?

□ ♀ ♂



*But in a distrik skool i kno,
Each boy's a bile unkonmon,
And must a diffrent pouliss hav,
Tew git a hed upon em.*

A.—A roosters hed.
⊕ ♀ ♂

H H

Kronollogy.

MUSHROOMS.

1 S
2 G
3 M
4 T
5 W
6 T
7 F
8 S
9 G
10 M
11 T
12 W
13 T
14 F
15 S
16 G
17 M
18 T
19 W
20 T
21 F
22 S
23 G
24 M
25 T
26 W
27 T
28 F
29 S
30 G
31 M

Huge heat ♀ ⊕
♂ David Blair
born 1818 ≅ ∞ Ω
⊕ hot inkreases
H ♂ David Blair
waz an
H essence pedlar ♂
thunder showers ♂
X now keep Ω
♀ cool ♂ ♀ hotter
∞ ⊕ if enny man
attempts tew ♀
≅ more hot ●
haul down ⊕ good
Δ hot X the flag
H red hot ♀ shute
him on the X
⊕ spot ≠ cooler
now H Bully for
Dix ♂ ♀ now lay
♀ ⊕ in yure sun ♀
strokes Ω for next
≅ winter g it biles!
Mike Doolittle
born 1830 ● died
1850 ∞ Mike done
but little here belo
nor dun that little |
⊕ long ● now
konkockt juleps ♂

It iz az hard work tew git ac-
quainted with a haff bred family,
az it iz for them tew conceal
their pedigree.

If a man knows himself thor-
oughly, he iz az wize az he kan
be in this life.

I luv tew watch the sports ov
children, they kant be children
but once, and then but a short
time.

Hope claims the most, and iz
satisfied with the least, ov enny
pashun ov the harte.

EKLEEZIASTIKS BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Ekleeziastiks Billings waz a Puritan bi natur and occupashun. He waz az puritan az spring lam soaked in mint saus. Sum ov the most kold and thawless stok in all Nu England oozed from Ekleeze' Billings. He waz kreated nominally in the year 1570, and had hiz trunk packed tew cum over in the May Flower, but didn't cum. He cum over the nex fall, and went immejiately into the pilgrim bizzness. Ekleeziastiks kept a grocery store, and never sanded hiz sugar, nor watered hiz Nu England rum without fust asking tew be forgiv for it. How pure! how lam like! Ekleeziastiks waz very tall, but then he waz very thin; he waz over 6 feet perpendiklar, and not quite 7 inches thru. He weighed 146 with hiz winter clothes and cowhide boots on. He preserved hiz thinity unto deth. He died from eating too mutch garden-truk. How sad! how disinterested! Ekleeziastiks had one virtew which shines tew this day, he waz very saving ov hiz clothes. Hiz best blu koat, with brass buttons on, and a sharp tail tew it, he wore for 18 years, and then kut,oph the buttons and had it prest out, and sent it tew the heathen. Ekleeze' waz both a saving and a libral kuss. He lived tew be over 90, and then died game; he wouldn't hav enny doktor. He dispized doktors bills. How touching! Truly. How touchful! Really.

MORAL.

Blest iz the man who iz partikular,
And duz all things up perpindikular.
(Chorus.) Ri fol de rol, ri folderikular.

30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1874.

Q.—Define honesty?



*The only kind ov konsolashun
This man got, aint worth a kuss,
For 'twas PITY,—and we all kno
PITY iz but mild disguss.*

A.—The wag ov a dogs tail.
○ If ○

⑨	24	Kronollogy.	KAPER SAUS.
1	T	* Butiful weather	Genuine wit dont make a man laff enny more than logick duz.
2	W	elegant weather ☿	
3	T	☿ deliteful weather	
4	F	superb weather ☉	
5	S	☿ ☉ divine weather	—
6	G	charming weather	
7	M	exquisitt weather ☿	
8	T	emoshional weather	
9	W	☉ gorgeous weather	Yu kan buy larning, but wit and wisdum are the gift ov God.
10	T	* celestial weather *	
11	F	blissful weather ☉	
12	S	☉ grate weather ☉	
13	G	☉ fine weather ☿ -8	—
14	M	☉ delishus weather	
15	T	heavenly weather ☿	
16	W	☉ glorious weather	
17	T	magnificent ☉ ☿	Energy iz another name for kapacity.
18	F	☿ ☿ weather ☿	
19	S	gushing weather	
20	G	☿ sweet weather ☿	
21	M	exhuberant weather	—
22	T	☉ poetick weather	
23	W	fragrant weather ☿	
24	T	☉ luvly weather	
25	F	languishing weather	Yung men, like grayhounds, follow by sight; old men, like bloodhounds, follow by track.
26	S	soft weather ☿ mild	
27	G	weather ☿ bewitch-	
28	M	ing weather ☿ and	
29	T	common weather ☉	
30	W		

LUKE BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Luke Billings waz a skool-master ov the Nu England type and shaddo. He waz an uprite and an austere man, az uprite az a sperm kandle, and az austere az hoss-radish. I look bak onto Luke's memoirs and pitty him, for i pitty awl distrikt-skool masters, all mothers-in-law, and all grass widders. Luke Billings spent hiz whole life in the distrik-skool spekulashun, and died az poor az a salt kodfish. Hiz assetts konsisted ov a pocket-komb and a nu testament. He used tew board round the naborhood, and waz alwuss az hungry az a pikrel. He never had enny friends, nor enny enemys; he waz like a gide-board in this respek. Luke Billings never got marrid, he hadn't the time tew spare. He waz severely engaged, for 26 years, tew Nancy Burbanks, but they both died intestate. They sleep cluss together, in the old grave-yard, at lower Pordunk. Sleep on! sleep on! dear old virgin couple, and pay no attenshun tew noboddy. Lukey wore hiz hare long behind, and kept a distrik skool 34 years 6 months and 17 daze. Oh, dear! oh, dear! Luke i pitty yu. Luke Billings iz an ansesstor that i look bak upon every now and then with my memory, and want tew fite sumboddy on hiz ackount. Fairwell, luvely Luke. Fairwell Lukey. Fairwell. Enuff sed.

M O R A L.

From keeping skool, and the pay,
Two things pestiverous,
I feel az tho' I'd like to say,
Good Lord! deliver us.

31 Days.

OCTOBER.

1874.

Q.—What iz a husband?

Q. II



*Much rather would i hav a man,
Than offer me his pitty,
Hit me rile smart long side the hed,
For that mite make me gritty.*

A.—Gander ov the ockashun.
§ co X

1 T
2 F
3 S
4 G
5 M
6 T
7 W
8 T
9 F
10 S
11 G
12 M
13 T
14 W
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16 F
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25 G
26 M
27 T
28 W
29 T
30 F
31 S

Kronology.

1 | About these 11
2 days expekt rain
3 8 9 & now worry
4 wood chucks 7 11
5 8 9 sighns ov
6 snow :: Δ ≈ now
7 hurry coons ● 11 12
8 11 cooler 11 now
9 11 persekute musk
10 rats 11 frost 8 11
11 11 11 now
12 11 hunt patridge ●
13 ● quite kold 8
14 11 now chase quails
15 more snw * now
16 11 pester foxes 12 13
17 11 sour rain 11 12
18 11 now persew 11 12
19 bears 11 hard
20 11 frost 8 9 now
21 sarch for 11 12
22 11 12 elephants 8
23 11 12 more kold 11
24 Δ now go for
25 anakondys 11 12
26 11 freezing 11 now
27 ● prospekt for 12
28 Behomaths 8 raw
29 kold 12 now dig for
30 mastedons 8 now 11

KONDESED MILK.

The more rare a mans qualitys
are, the more he will be found
falt with,—dust on a dimond iz
alwus more noticeable than dust
on a brik.

Experience teaches a good
many things, but dont learn us
but a phew.

I hav seen old villains who
were komparitively pure, they had
either worn out their vices, or
their vices had wore out them, i
dont kno whitch.

It requires the gratest ov skill
tew hide a weakness.

NEBUDKENNEZZAR BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Nebudkennezzar Billings waz an orphan bi birth, and kept a hotel, he did. When yu got fride pork at hiz house, it waz fride pork, it waz. Yu didn't hav a bill ov fare tew tell what it waz, yu didn't. Hiz wife waz smarter than chane litening, and kleaner than a ghost, she waz. Her hash didn't hav enny paving-stuns, nor kart-wheels in it, it didn't. Yu mite az well hunt for the lost tribes ov Izrael on her premises, az to hunt for a kokroach, yu mite. Neb's wife had red hare, and waz bony put together, and could fri pork, tend bar, harness a hoss, trade with a peddlar, and make a gin-sling that could almost talk, she could. Nebudkennezzar Billings waz a pollytishioner, and run hard for konstable in old Pordunk, for menny times, he did. It iz justiss tew hiz memoirs tew state, that tho he run well, the offiss alwuss beat him, it did. He never got elekted, he didn't. How prekarious! how impekunious! how transhunt! Alass! alass! Neb' waz kreated in 1502, and dissoluted in 1569, and spent hiz whole life in the hash bizzness, he did. Hiz wife waz boss while here on earth, and will undertake tew be hereafter, she will. But she kant, kan she? She kant. Happy it iz that thare iz a thussness in theze things. Thrice happy. Even nobby. That's so.

M O R A L .

Every man thinks he kan keep a hotel,
But O! how delusiv and rash,
For thare aint no kind ov bizzness so mixt,
Az doing a klean job in hash.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1874.

Q.—What iz pitty?

H
●
R

*Enny man who a skool has kept
Ten years, (krewel fate allass!)
Ought tew hav his shute pulled oph,
And be turn ed out tew grass.*

A.—Cheap charity.
t
●
Q

⊕	⚭	Kronollogy.	GINGER SNAPS.
1	G	!!!! Hark ρ the	Thare iz, now and then, a man who knows that he iz a phool; sutch a man iz a hard man tew cheat.
2	M	≅ 8 kold wind	
3	T	whissells ● and	
4	W	∪ the rane ≅	
5	T	drizzles × Δ and	
6	F	∩ ∩ the snow ∅	I hav known people who waz virtewous just bekauze they waz lazy, they hadn't snap enuff in them tew brake one ov the 10 commandments.
7	S	phizzles ● & □ and	
8	G	∩ the fire sizzles ●	
9	M	∏ and the ∅	
10	T	⚭ ∩ dogs ∅	
11	W	⚭ bark ∅ and	I beleave pitty iz more ov an impulse than a principle, for we seldum respekt thozе that we pitty.
12	T	Δ ∅ ● the boys	
13	S	∩ lark × ∅ ∅ ∅	
14	F	8 ∅ ∩ and the	
15	G	kats mew ● ∩ and	
16	M	∪ the kittles stew	He who suspekts everyboddy, should be watched by everyboddy.
17	T	and the pork ∩	
18	W	8 ∩ ∅ fries 8 and	
19	T	⚭ the mince ∅ ∩	
20	F	pies □ † † †	
21	S	∅ ∩ and the ∩	
22	G	turkey dies -8 ∩	
23	M	∩ and the	
24	T	∅ owl dreameth ∪	
25	W	and the goose ∅ ∅	
26	T	× skreameth (!) and	
27	F	the girls ∅ & ∅ ∅	
28	S	∅ snikker ● and the	
29	G	men dikker ∅ and	
30	M		

MUSHANMILK BILLINGS.

HIS MEMORANDUM.

Mushanmilk Billings waz one ov mi earliest efforts in the way ov ansesstors. He waz begot during the 11th or 12th sentury, or thareabouts. He derived hiz name from hiz grate ability tew conquer mush and milk. Titus Odistes, a celebrated writer in thozе days, sez he haz known him tew eat a potash kittle ov puddin and milk, at one sitting. I kant state whether this iz sutch or not, for i never met Mushanmilk personally. He died previous tew mi birth. Titus Odistes also sez, that Mushanmilk had a very sweet disposishun, how sweet, he dont tell us, but from what i kno ov the latter-day saints, among the Billings family, it couldn't hav bin quite up tew the best brand ov Nu Orleans mollassiss. He waz sed tew be number One in modesty, and sitch like, but this dont exackly conspire with what i know ov the Billings'es. Cheeck haz alvus been reckoned among our virtews. In taking a square look bak upon mi ansesstors, i find that they were rather a thin set. I find that their *ambishun* waz the result ov *vanity*. Their *honesty* the effekt ov *edukashun*. Their *charity*, the luv ov *novelty*. Their *philosophy*, able tew bear the stummuk-ake ov others with heroik fortitude, but not worth a kuss in their own; and their *virtews* generally, more the growth ov their *pride* than ov their *humility*. What a pitty! Echo answers, "Jiss so." Man iz an angleworm. He iz. Verily.

M O R A L .

Thare aint to-day, so just a vittle,
Az mush,—rite hot, from out the kittle.

31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1874.

Q.—Define salt kodish?

♣ ♠ ♡



*Instid ov this, how trew it tis,
The skoolmaster is treated,
Like one we owe 50 dollars,
And wont admit we've cheated.*

A.—Vittles and—drink.

♣ ♠ ♡

☿	☿	Kronollogy.	KOLD KUTS.
1	T	☿ Bitter kold ☿ *	The more humble a man iz before God, the more he will be exalted,—the more humble he iz before men, the more he will git rode ruff shod.
2	W	a thing ov buty ☿	
3	T	☿ iz a joy forever	
4	F	thundring kold ♣	
5	S	☿ 2♣ if yu must	
6	G	drink hot ♠ ♡	
7	M	☿ rum ☿ do it now	
8	T	jehosiphat kold ♣	The only really natral thing thare iz about enny man, iz hiz conshunce.
9	W	☿ now distruckshun	
10	T	☿ ♠ wood ☿ slam	
11	F	bang kold ☿ ♣	
12	S	Job Stearns	
13	G	☿ Δ ♣ born 1500	
14	M	indefatigabel kold	
15	T	Job Stearns ♠ ☿	Enuff good luk will ruin enny man.
16	W	☿ was an ☿	
17	T	♣ itinerant ☿ ♠ ♡	
18	F	ompompanoosuck	
19	S	☿ kold ☿ Job ♣	
20	G	itinerated Δ ☿ ♣	
21	M	☿ tin ware	
22	T	sno phawls ♠ now	Whare thare iz one man obstinate bekauze he iz wize, thare iz 4,695,853 obstinate bekauze they are ignorant.
23	W	stir up ☿ ♠ ☿	
24	T	♠ ☿ yure goose	
25	F	unimpeachable kold	
26	S	☿ roosters freeze ☿	
27	G	yures, with spark-	
28	M	☿ ling hopes —	
29	T	Josh Billings ♣	Trust in God first, yure nabor next, and yureself last.—AMEN.
30	W	♣ Allminacker ☿	
31	T		

PERSONALS.

* * H. J. B.—If the lady with lavender poodle, would like tew swop dogs, Barney O'Toole iz her man.

B. O'TOOLE.

* * D.—Dont menshun it ; mum iz the word. Star ov buty, the goose hangeth hi.

LOVER.

* * SWEETNESS.—Virtew iz her own cashier ; the violet iz blu ; the racoon haz a bushy tail ; man waz made tew mourn ; meet me at the pea-nut stand.

HARROLD.

* * SPONGKAKE.—Dost luv me ? The kold moon listened when yu breathed a vow in Bridget Costello's ear ; dont go back on me Patrik, if thou dost, be jabbers i will hav satisfackshun.

BRIDGET.

* * BILL MUSTACH.—Dont put on airs ; how about that box ov 5 cent cigars yu owe for ? Yure wash-woman mourns yure absence.

SAM PEEL.

THE KAMMEL LEOPARD.

—:—

The Kammel Leopard iz a 2 story and attik animal. They are az spotted az a coach-dog, and hav a split futt.

They are a bad job tew mount, and a wuss one tew stik to.

They are perpindikular in the bak, and hay an ear like a yung mule. They kan kik further and faster than the mule kan.

Thare iz no more hair on their tails, than thare iz on a rope.

They chew the kud, and swallo the juce.

They kan run faster than a ghost, and jump klean away from their shadda.

They are natiffs ov Afrika, and cum here, az our coloured brother did, on spekulashun.

They are one ov the luxurys ov civilizashun I belave, but which one ov the luxurys, i cant state.

They are useless at home, and are only worth here, 25 cents for a chance tew look at them once.

Az a studdy they may be valuable, but a man who waz at all quick in the branes, could studdy one tew deth, in just about 10 minitts.

If i owned all the Kammel Leopards in the world, i would sell them for a dollar a hed, (if i kould git it) and buy me a farm out in Iowa.

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